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Applicants received a Notice of Allowance dated June 4, 2004, for the present application. The Notice of Allowance was accompanied by a Notice of Allowability.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/503,640, filed February 14, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,353,470. The present application also claims priorities of (a) German Patent Application No. 100 37 870.6, filed August 1, 2000, (b) European Patent Application No. 01116916.6, filed July 11, 2001, and (c) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/255,214, filed December 13, 2000.

On August 1, 2001, Applicants submitted a certified copy of German Patent Application No. 100 37 870.6, and on October 31, 2001, Applicants submitted a certified copy of European Patent Application No. 01116916.6. In an Office Action dated September 8, 2003, the Office Action Summary, item 13(a)(1) is checked, thus acknowledging receipt of all of the certified copies of the priority documents.

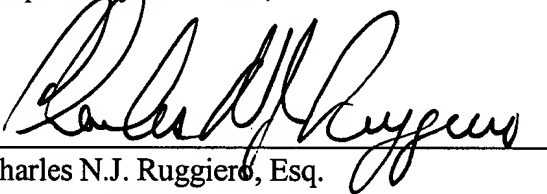
Applicants are enclosing herewith a copy of:

- (a) a filing receipt dated December 22, 2003, showing that the Office acknowledged Applicants' claims to priority;
- (b) the cover sheet of the certified copy of German Patent Application No. 100 37 870.6; and
- (c) the cover sheet of the certified copy of European Patent Application No. 01116916.6.

The Notice of Allowability does not affirmatively acknowledge Applicants' claims to priority. Therefore, Applicants are hereby reasserting the claims to priority and respectfully requesting that the Examiner issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability acknowledging Applicants' claims to domestic priority and foreign priority, to ensure that the patent issues properly.

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